Replied March 4/43

Thomas H. Raddall,
C/o The Crucible.

Dear Mr. Raddall,

Your story in The Crucible interested me, and I am inclined to agree with Lord Tweedsmuir - I'll look up "His Majesty's Yankees".

But I am wondering how you happened to hit on the name Larrabee. One of my great grandmothers was a Larrabee, but I don't know very much of the family. A Larrabee cousin once told me the Larrabees really came from the South, and were of French Huguenot descent. I was pleased to think myself a bit French - that kind of French -

If it is just fiction, a more genuinely English name might be slightly more appropriate.

I am a New Englander, and of course there are Larrabees in New England. It's delightful to imagine some with names like Praise-God Larrabee and Joy-Forever Larrabee. In the South too, they could have become a very Yankeeish family.

I have been interested in finding out about the Wadleighs and Tuxburys on my father's side. The Pauls, Austins, Clemens on my Mother's side have seemed more difficult, being common names. The Larrabees however seem a quite unusual in name, and I'd be glad to find out more. If you know of some Larrabee who'd be

interested and might know about the genealogy, I'd be very glad of the name and address. I've been pleased to find several Wadleighs in Canada (U. E. L. too) and I'd be pleased to know more of the Canadian Larrabees.

I don't know the name Kay. came into existence - L'Aramie or something?

My great grandmother, Miela Larrabee, so an Uncle, her son-in-law, once told me was exceedingly good company, fond of singing and conversation. She lived in a small farmhouse in Northern Vermont, brought up a family

of eight children - Somehow I know more of her than her husband, Oliver Austin, who was perhaps more sedate and reserved. Apparently Aunt Mela, as she was often called, was certainly popular in the neighbourhood.

I am very glad to be reminded of the Lavabees -

With best wishes

Very truly yours

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